



From the Director

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National Examination Reciprocity

The Licensing Board, through its membership with NASCLA, the National Association of State Contractor Licensing Agencies, has been working towards the goal of establishing national contractor examination reciprocity among states who regulate the construction industry. In order for a contractor to obtain licenses in non-domiciliary states, a qualifying party must take and pass construction trade examinations when qualifying for a license to bid or perform work.

Louisiana licenses approximately 12,500 commercial contractors and 3,200 residential builders annually. Thirty percent (30%) of commercial contractors or (3,700) are domiciled in other states. These firms incur additional costs and time delays in obtaining licenses in multiple states.

To address the bureaucracy and burdensome costs incurred by businesses, NASCLA initiated a national

scope of work study three (3) years ago to establish similarities of scopes by classification of work. It determined that 93% of all construction work regulated by state agencies is significantly similar. As a result of this work study, NASCLA developed National Standards for Construction Examination Developers. NASCLA's goal is the creation of national construction exams which would be acceptable to as many states as possible. There are now thirty (30) states who license various trades of construction. Many of these states hold membership in NASCLA.

Louisiana will participate in a national meeting held in Washington, D.C. in August to explore national construction industry trade association interest in National Construction Examination Reciprocity. For further information about NASCLA, please click on www.nascla.org.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Joint Ventures

Under Section 1103 of the Rules and Regulations of the Board, when two or more contractors bid as a joint venture, **all parties are required to be licensed** at the time the bid is submitted. Each party of the joint venture **may only perform within the applicable classifications of the work of which he is properly classified to perform.**

Classification of Projects

Under LA R.S. 37:2163 (D), it shall be the obligation of the architect, engineer, or awarding authority to classify public projects. Once the project is classified, any interested person may object by sending a certified letter to both the board and to the architect, engineer, or awarding authority. Said objection shall be received by the board and by the architect, engineer, or awarding authority **at least ten working days** prior to the date on which bids are to be opened.

Electrical/Mechanical

Under Section 1301 of the Rules and Regulations of the Board, any person, firm, partnership, co-partnership, association, corporation, or other organization bidding on or performing a job in the amount of \$50,000 or more, **the majority of which job is classified as V. Electrical or VI. Mechanical Work**, the licensee shall hold the major classification or subdivision thereunder of electrical work or mechanical work as the case may be. On all jobs involving mechanical or electrical work the board shall consider the **monetary value of the electrical or mechanical material and/or equipment furnished by the owner or builder**, if any, in determining the amount of electrical or mechanical work involved.

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Louisiana One Call Bulletin ... Pipeline Damage Prevention Notice To Louisiana Excavators



To prevent damage to underground natural gas and other hazardous material pipelines located in Louisiana -

FOR BEST RESULTS.....

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG, wait 48 hours for the site to be marked, observe the marks and dig with care.

CALL LOUISIANA ONE CALL AT 1-800-272-3020 (TOLL FREE) 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE, excluding weekends and holidays, before digging is scheduled to begin.

HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AVAILABLE:

- Name and telephone number of the excavator and name and telephone number of the company.
- Date and time the work is scheduled to begin.
- Specific location address or description of the work site.
- Nearest intersecting roadway to the work site.
- Distance and direction of the work site from the nearest intersection.
- Advise the Louisiana One Call operator if explosives will be used.

Maintain the locate ticket number provided by the Louisiana One Call operator. It is your proof of the call and you may be requested, by an enforcement agency, to provide this ticket number at the job site.

If digging activity comes within eighteen inches of a utility line or pipeline, exercise extreme caution. Hand digging is recommended to expose the buried line.

Markings for underground utilities are considered valid as long as they are visible up to ten calendar days from the "mark by" time. "Mark by" time is provided by the Louisiana One Call operator and excludes holidays and weekends. For larger projects, call in only the work that can be accomplished within a ten day period.

If damage occurs, notify the utility operator or pipeline company directly.

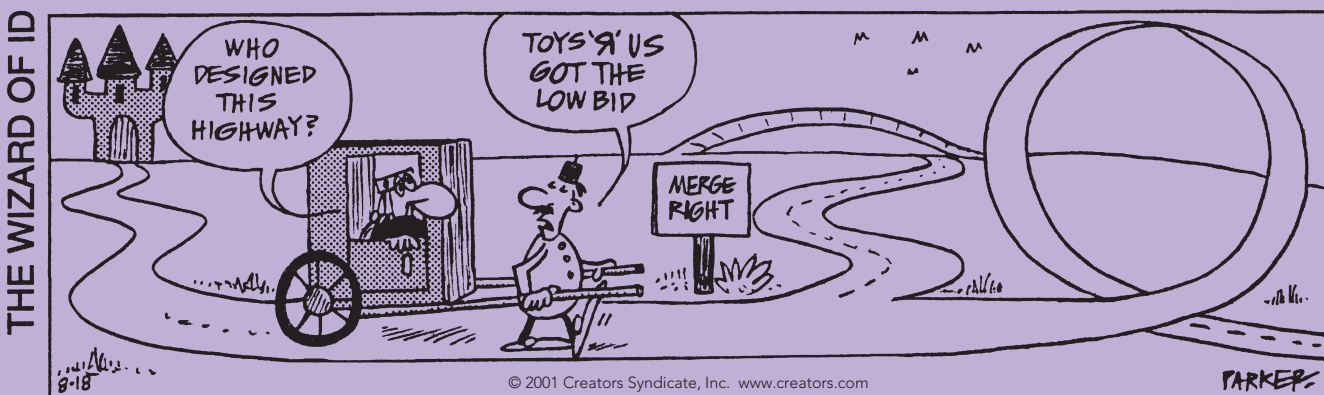
If there is an emergency situation (immediate danger to life, health or property and requires immediate attention), take steps to safeguard health and property.

Wherever possible, use white paint, stakes or flags in order to designate the area of proposed excavation.

Remember, not all utilities are members of Louisiana One Call; you should call non-member utility operators directly.

Civil Penalties range up to \$25,000 for violations to the "Dig" law.

PLEASE REMEMBER - To "Dig Safely," call before you dig, wait 48 hours for the site to be marked, observe the marks, and dig with care.



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Disciplinary Actions of State Licensing Board

March 2002 Commercial

Calvin Ishmael Contractors, L. L. C.

Donaldsonville, Louisiana

Allegation: Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor and entering into a joint venture with an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Guilty plea. Settlement offer accepted.

Chavez Construction Company, Inc.

Houston, Texas

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: No contest plea. Settlement offer accepted.

Fernand Privat

Lafayette, Louisiana

Allegation: Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor and entering into a contract with an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Guilty plea. Settlement offer accepted.

Mark Pritchard

Lafayette, Louisiana

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Guilty plea. Settlement offer accepted.

W. S. Bolware Construction, Inc.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Allegation: Entering into a contract with an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Guilty plea. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Rough Brothers, Inc.

Cincinnati, Ohio

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: No contest plea. Settlement offer accepted.

O'Brien Flooring, Inc.

Slidell, Louisiana

Allegation: Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor and entering into a joint venture with an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Settlement offer accepted.

William E. Newman, Inc. d/b/a Southern Floor Systems

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Settlement offer accepted.

Specialized Construction, L. L. C.

Metairie, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: License surrendered.

Miller Building Corporation of North Carolina

Wilmington, North Carolina

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: License surrendered.

J. L. Malone & Associates, Inc.

Albany, Georgia

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: License surrendered.

Great Oaks Construction, Inc.

Muncie, Indiana

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: License will not be renewed.

April 2002 Commercial

Adrian J. Chauvin

Lockport, Louisiana

Allegation: Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor and entering into a contract with an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Settlement offer accepted.

Thibodaux Lumber Yard

Thibodaux, Louisiana

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Settlement offer accepted.

SBA Network Services, Inc.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Entering into a contract with an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: No contest plea. Settlement offer accepted.

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Excelsior Construction, Incorporated

Birmingham, Alabama

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Settlement offer accepted.

Francioni Builders, Inc.

New Orleans, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to satisfy a judgment.

Action: Allowed sixty (60) days to satisfy judgment or commercial and residential licenses automatically suspended. Licenses suspended.

Loupe, Inc.

Reserve, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to satisfy a judgment.

Action: Allowed thirty (30) days to satisfy judgment or license automatically revoked. Judgment satisfied.

Atlantic Coast Fire Protection, Inc.

Duluth, Georgia

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: License revoked.

Layher, Inc.

Semmes, Alabama

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Allowed thirty (30) days to register a qualifying party or license automatically revoked. License revoked.

O.O.C. Construction, L.L.C.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: License revoked.

R & G Industrial Services, Inc.

Radcliff, Kentucky

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: License revoked.

Unifab International West, LLC

Lake Charles, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party for the classification of Building Construction.

Action: Classification of Building Construction removed from license.

Trampas Amedee

Gonzales, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Mark Daigle

Rayne, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Troy Frick Development

Lake Charles, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in amounts in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings, and cease and desist order issued.

Robert Duchesne

Downsville, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in amounts in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings, and cease and desist order issued.

Lynn Mobley

Westwego, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Guilty plea. Assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Terrel Ducote

Marksville, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in amounts in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Cressward Broussard

Abbeville, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings, and cease and desist order issued.

Residential

Sharon Weaver

Deridder, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in amounts in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

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Kevin Stevens

Denham Springs, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings, and cease and desist order issued.

Gary W. Holmes

Denham Springs, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance coverage.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended, fined and cease and desist order issued.

May 2002 Commercial

Jason Turner Construction, Inc.

Montevallo, Alabama

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Settlement offer accepted.

Petron, Incorporated

Alexandria, Louisiana

Allegation: Entering into a contract with an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Guilty plea. Settlement offer accepted.

Bozeman Distributors

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Firm required to contract in its licensed name of Bryan J. Guillot, Inc.

June 2002 Commercial

Harman and Son Construction, Inc.

Fort Worth, Texas

Allegation: Entering into a contract with an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Guilty plea. Settlement offer accepted.

Havens Steel Company

St. Louis, Missouri

Allegation: Entering into a contract with an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Guilty plea. Settlement offer accepted.

The Headrick Companies, Inc.

Laurel, Mississippi

Allegation: Entering into a contract with an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Guilty plea. Settlement offer accepted.

Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Guilty plea. Settlement offer accepted.

Steel Magnolia Sand Blasting and Painting

Bainbridge, Georgia

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty.

Residential

Billy Kay

Robeline, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Ronald Deniger

Abita Springs, Louisiana

Allegation: Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor.

Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings, and placed on probation for one year.

American Dream Homes

Mandeville, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in amounts in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Carroll Maxwell Lumber Co., Inc.

Pollock, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Guilty plea. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

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Ollie Higginbotham

Lafayette, Louisiana

Allegation: Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor.

Action: Found not guilty.

Eddie Ackal

Lafayette, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found not guilty.

Donald Hodge

Lake Charles, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in amounts in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings, and cease and desist order issued.

Marcus Brister

Denham Springs, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Bradley Alack

Hammond, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Alliance Builders of Baton Rouge, LLC

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in amounts in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings, and cease and desist order issued.

Custom Kitchens & Vanities, Inc.

Metairie, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance coverage.

Action: Allowed sixty (60) days to provide proof of insurance or reappear before the Committee.

Keith A. Burge

Walker, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability and worker's compensation insurance coverages.

Action: Worker's compensation coverage provided. Allowed sixty (60) days to provide general liability coverage or reappear before the Committee.

Cascade Construction Co., L.L.C.

Folsom, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain general liability insurance coverage.

Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings, and cease and desist order issued.

Elmwood General Contractors, Inc.

River Ridge, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain general liability insurance coverage.

Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings, and cease and desist order issued.

Family Homes by Tommy and Shelia, Inc.

LaPlace, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain general liability insurance coverage.

Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings, and cease and desist order issued.

Walter Gammons

Gonzales, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain general liability insurance coverage.

Action: Allowed sixty (60) days to provide proof of insurance or reappear before the Committee.

Kishbaugh Construction, Inc.

Lafayette, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain general liability insurance coverage.

Action: Allowed sixty (60) days to provide proof of insurance or reappear before the Committee.

Dwayne Miller

Jennings, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance coverage.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended, fined and cease and desist order issued.

Gerald D. Molina, Inc.

Slidell, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance coverage.

Action: Allowed sixty (60) days to provide proof of insurance or reappear before the Committee.

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Keith J. Nicosia

Gretna, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain general liability insurance coverage.

Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings, and cease and desist order issued.

Donald J. Stelly

Breaux Bridge, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance coverage.

Action: Allowed sixty (60) days to provide proof of insurance or reappear before the Committee.

The Wilderrest Group, A Community Service & Development Corporation

Zachary, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance coverage.

Action: Allowed thirty (30) days to surrender license or license suspended, fined and cease and desist order issued.

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